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hearing on that. So it's a lot of information in this bill. I hope people will please give us a little attention here. Listen to this. It's critical to the ethanol industry and their financing programs, and actually the survival of these new plants. I realize I'm talking with a lot of chatter and people after having been sitting here cooped up for an hour and a half. But with that, it is a group of bills. I shouldn't say "group" maybe. There's two, three bills combined into one. The committee amendments are now the bill. And with that, I would go ahead and let Senator Landis do his part in introducing the committee amendment, since that is his job. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, are you giving part of your time to him?

SENATOR BAKER: Does he want it?

SENATOR CUDABACK: If not, we'll go to the next motion.

SENATOR BAKER: If Senator Landis would like that, he could just take off from my introduction of the bill. Okay. He's shaking his head no. We'll just let him open on the committee amendments then. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening. Mr. Clerk, priority motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have a priority motion. Senator Schrock would move to bracket the bill until January 1, 2004.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on your bracket motion.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think most of you know I've been as big a proponent for ethanol production in the state of Nebraska as anyone in the body. I have concerns about this bill for several reasons. It seems like we're trying to increase the corn checkoff here for a moving target, and we don't know what that target is. I passed out a handout. And even if we have five plants, and I think that's probably optimistic, this fund will not run dry until